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least one of an operator identifier, a blood component collection instrument identifier, a blood component donor identifier, and a blood component collection kit identifier.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered.

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APPENDIX A
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In the title:

[A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONVERTING AN EXISTING BLOOD COLLECTION INSTRUMENT'S COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL] A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NETWORKING BLOOD COLLECTION INSTRUMENTS WITHIN A BLOOD COLLECTION FACILITY

At paragraph 2 at page 1, lines 5-7:

Related Application

This claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Serial No. [XX/XXX,XXX] 60/287,122, filed April 28, 2001.

At paragraph 2 at page 81, lines 2-7:

[A system for networking a blood component collection facility is disclosed. The blood component collection facility has a plurality of independently operable blood component collection instruments. A facility operator administers one or more blood component collection procedures involving a donor. The system includes a system server and a communication conduit] A system for networking the blood component collection facility is disclosed. The facility includes a plurality of independently operable blood component collection instruments. At least one of the blood component collection instrument is an existing collection instrument having a first communication protocol. The system comprises a system computer, a communication conduit, a second communication protocol, and a protocol converter. The system computer comprises a memory and a code segment which defines at least a portion of a blood component collection process. The communication conduit operably connects each of the plurality of blood component collection instruments to the system computer. The second communication protocol facilitates communication on the communication conduit between the system computer and each of the collection instruments. The protocol converter operably connects to the communication conduit between the existing collection instrument and the system computer, and converts the first communication protocol to the second communication protocol for communicating between the existing blood component collection instrument and the system computer.

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